

SENATE RESOLUTION 112

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to commend George Clark Shifflett III for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, George Clark Shifflett III is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Mike Faulk; Mr. Shifflett's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Belmont University, George Shifflett was highly regarded by his peers, enjoying remarkable academic success while majoring in political science and minoring in philosophy; a member of the Dean's List every semester he was enrolled there, Mr. Shifflett graduated from Belmont in 2008; and

WHEREAS, prior to matriculating at Belmont, George Shifflett attended Volunteer State Community College, from which he graduated summa cum laude with an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Law in 2007; he was named to the Dean's List at Vol State every semester as well; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting the highest standards of academic excellence, Mr. Shifflett participated with enthusiasm and aplomb in several worthy extracurricular activities, including the Speech and Debate Team, the Student Government Association, and the *Right Aisle Review*; and

WHEREAS, as a student, he received numerous awards and accolades; Mr. Shifflett won the 2008 George Wythe Award for Academic Excellence, the 2007 Volunteer State

Community College Presidential Ambassador Award, and the 2007 Mary Cole Nichols Award for Exceptional Student Service; and

WHEREAS, a skilled debater and public speaker, George Shifflett was the 2008 State Champion Extemporaneous Speaker; at the National Christian College Forensics Invitational in 2008, he was personally distinguished as Persuasive Speaker First Runner Up, while his team was named First Runner Up; and

WHEREAS, George Shifflett has enjoyed considerable professional success as well; he has been a singer, songwriter, and musician since 1992, and in 2005, Mr. Shifflett founded a trucking company, which he continues to operate to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shifflett currently plans to attend law school, and if his undergraduate career is any indication, he will excel in this pursuit as well; and

WHEREAS, born August 27, 1971, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and raised in Orange County, Virginia, George Shifflett is the son of George Shifflett, Jr., and Ruth Shifflett; he is a 1989 graduate of Orange County High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Shifflett relocated to Portland, Tennessee, where he currently resides with his family; and

WHEREAS, he is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife of over sixteen years, Diane Lynn Shifflett; Mr. and Mrs. Shifflett have two daughters, Lauren Elaine Shifflett and Claryssa Lynn Shifflett; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government, George Shifflett brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2009 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2009 legislative session, Mr. Shifflett has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, George Shifflett has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend George Shifflett III for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mike Faulk and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.